

REMARKS

Claims 22-26 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-21, 27-50 are cancelled. Applicant hereby reserves the right to pursue additional claims in a divisional or continuation application.

Claims 22-26 currently stand rejected. Claim 22 – 26 have been currently amended to better describe the novelty of the invention. By the present amendment, no new matter is believed to have been added that would necessitate a new search.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejects Claims 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,635,754 to Strobel et al (hereinafter Strobel) in view of US Patent 6,384,473 to Peterson (hereinafter Peterson). The Examiner also rejects Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of Strobel.

Applicant has herein amended pending Claims 22-26 in a manner which Applicant believes obviates the Examiner's rejections. Applicant has narrowed the scope of the claims, as amended, which Applicant respectfully submits puts pending Claims 22-26 in condition for allowance. Applicant accordingly requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of Claims 22-26 be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that the foregoing remarks overcome the Examiner's rejections. Because the cited references and the Examiner's citations thereto do not teach and/or suggest the claimed invention, Applicant submits that the present invention is patentable over the cited art, and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow pending Claims 22-26 so that the Application may issue in a timely manner. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number provided below.

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